

Minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting Monday, January 9th, 2017

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM in the upstairs meeting room of the Slaughter Beach Memorial Volunteer Fire Company by Mayor Harry Ward. Council members present were Ken Lewis, Bill Krause and Bob Wood. Member absent was Kathy Lock. Community members in attendance are shown on the attached sign-in sheet.

2. Welcoming & Announcements

Mayor Ward acknowledged those in attendance and thanked everyone for their support.

3. Approval of the Jan 9th, 2017 meeting agenda

Motion: *A motion was made by Bill Krause to approve the Jan 9th, 2017 meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Ken Lewis the **motion carried unanimously, 4-0.***

4. Approval of the Dec. 12th, 2016 Town meeting minutes

Motion: *A motion was made by Bill Krause to approve the Dec 12th 2016 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Ken Lewis. **The motion carried 4-0.***

5. Reading of Correspondence

We received an email from Dave Brown at the Delaware Launch Service that the road needs some additional shelling and grading. We acknowledged this email and thanked him. We will look into possible grants for this in the future.

We received a letter from the Town of Frankfort explaining their current situation regarding new private well permits and DNREC. Due to our current situation regarding town water service, any activity in this area is valuable to us for the future.

The Slaughter Beach Sailing Club is looking into donating a small Library to the town. This will come at no cost to the town. It is proposed that the Library be placed

on town property near Delaware Ave North. This will be on the agenda for next month.

The Fire Company is in the red about \$9,000.00 with the funding for the Ambulance service. They are asking the town to consider donating addition funds to help offset this deficit. This will also be on the agenda for next month.

6. Mayoral or council Updates

Reports:

A. Treasurer

Mayor Ward presented the latest Treasurer's and so far this year we are sticking pretty close to the budget.

B. Building Enforcement Officer/ Floodplain Administrator.

C. Mayor Ward presented the Building Enforcement/Floodplain Administrator's written report. Bob Clendaniel reported that he worked 7.25 hours this month. He issued 2 building permits. Bob also pointed out that on January 26th, he will be taking the Certified Flood Plain Mgr. test. Having a Certified Flood Plain Mgr. for our town will be a real asset to the town.

D Tax Collectors Report

Angela Tibbets report was presented by Mayor Ward. There is very little change from last month.

E Town Street Committee report

Jimmy Dalton was not available for this meeting.

7 Old Business

a) Grants

✓ DNREC Resiliency Grant

There will be a meeting with DNREC later this month to discuss our progress.

USDA Wastewater Grant

The engineering study is ongoing and we hope to have final results from that study around April 15th

Sea Level Rise

We still have 1 house to be raised and this month the bids will be reissued.

USDA Sewer Grant

Sussex County is now looking into the process of considering the Slaughter Beach Sewer and Water District.

b) Beach Replenishment Committee

At the last meeting, there was more discussion about Dune replacement.

The committee will contact DNREC to get an accurate cost on a 1,5 and 10-year solution. Once we receive that back from DNREC, they would like to contact Newly Elected Councilman I. G. Burton, Rep. Harvey Kenton and State Senator Gary Simpson and discuss various methods of raising funds for the process.

They will study how best to approach the government officials keeping our habitat in mind.

With a lot of newly elected officials, maybe there can be new bridges built to help this cause.

8. New Business:

1. *Banking relationship change.*

We are slowly transferring funds from PNC to WSFS and hope the process is complete this month.

3. Audit results process

As a result of the annual audit, it was suggested that we establish several procedures.

We wanted to get started on this and selected these 3 to start.

Social Media – Harry Ward will work on this.

Expense reimbursement – Kathy Lock will word on this.



FOIA – Kathy McFadden and Bob Wood will work on this.

We hope to establish procedures for these next month.

9 Upcoming Events

Next Town Council Meeting Feb 13, 2017 @ 7:00 PM.

13 Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Krause @ 7:59 PM and seconded by Ken Lewis Vote 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Wood
Secretary